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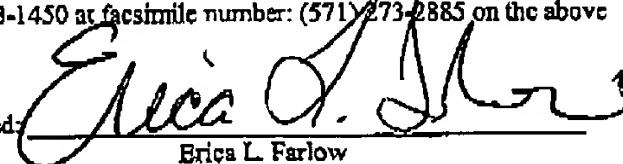
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In re the application of )  
Umair Khan et al. ) Examiner: Duong, Oanh L.  
Application No. 09/905,678 ) Art Unit: 2155  
Filed: July 31, 2001 ) Date: September 21, 2006  
For: METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM )  
PRODUCT FOR CUSTOMIZED INFORMATION )  
MANAGEMENT BY ALLOWING A FIRST )  
HABITAT TO ACCESS OTHER HABITATS TO )  
RETRIEVE INFORMATION FROM THE OTHER )  
HABITATS )

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The Examiner has stated in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance the following: "the allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of a habitat, which has markers utilized for identifying information selected by the user, based on an access privilege set by a user, and allowing the habitat to send a request to another habitat for desired information and access the another habitat for retrieving the requested information from the another habitat, the another habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat, wherein habitat is a personalized infotmation management system that gathers, stores, and displays information of user interest limitations are novel" (emphasis added).

In response, applicant points out that the independent claims are not limited to each of the features in the manner that the Examiner has highlighted above. Specifically, independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 require, in part:

- "(a) initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
- (b) retrieving the information associated with the markers;
- (c) displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
- (d) allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat based on an access privilege set by the user" (see this or similar, but not necessarily identical limitations in each of the above claims).

Clearly, when read in context, applicant claims "allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat based on an access privilege set by the user," as claimed (emphasis added). Thus, applicant's claim language is not necessarily limited to "allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of a habitat, which

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has markers utilized for identifying information selected by the user, based on an access privilege set by a user," as the Examiner notes (emphasis added).

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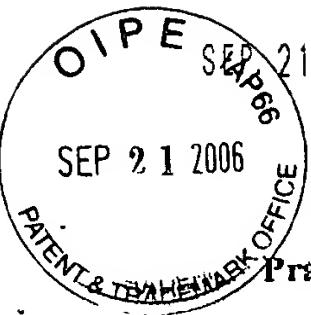
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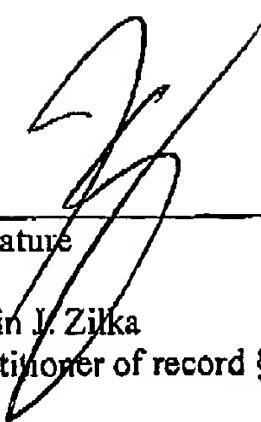
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